

## **Elementary Secondary Education Committee**

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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 312

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 312 by replacing

3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section

5 27-20.3 as follows:

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6 (105 ILCS 5/27-20.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-20.3)

7 Sec. 27-20.3. Holocaust and Genocide Study. Every public elementary school and high school shall include in 8 curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of the 9 Nazi atrocities of 1933 to 1945. This period in world history 10 is known as the Holocaust, during which 6,000,000 Jews and 11 millions of non-Jews were exterminated. One of the universal 12 lessons of the Holocaust is that national, ethnic, racial, or 13 religious hatred can overtake any nation or society, leading to 14 calamitous consequences. To reinforce that lesson, such 15 16 curriculum shall include an additional unit of instruction studying other acts of genocide across the globe. This unit 17 shall include, but not be limited to, the Armenian Genocide, 18 the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, and more recent atrocities in 19 Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Sudan. The studying of this 20 21 material is a reaffirmation of the commitment of free peoples 22 from all nations to never again permit the occurrence of another Holocaust and a recognition that crimes of genocide 23

continue to be perpetrated across the globe as they have been

- in the past and to deter indifference to crimes against 1 humanity and human suffering wherever they may occur. 2
- 3 The State Superintendent of Education may prepare and make
- 4 available to all school boards instructional materials which
- 5 may be used as guidelines for development of a unit of
- instruction under this Section; provided, however, that each 6
- 7 school board shall itself determine the minimum amount of
- instruction time which shall qualify as a unit of instruction 8
- satisfying the requirements of this Section. 9
- (Source: P.A. 86-780.) 10
- Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding 11
- Section 8.29 as follows: 12
- 13 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)
- Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 14
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the 15
- 16 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- the 94th General Assembly. 17
- 18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- becoming law.". 19